

COULDN'T LIFT TEN POUNDS.

Doan's Kidney Pills Brought Strength and Health to the Sufferer, Making Him Feel Twenty-Five Years Younger.



J. B. Corlion, farmer and lumberman, of Deppe, N. C., says: "I suffered for years with my back. It was so bad that I could not walk any distance nor even ride in easy buggy. I do not believe I could have raised ten pounds of weight from the ground, the pain was so severe. This was my condition when I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. They quickly relieved me and now I am never troubled as I was. My back is strong and I can walk or ride a long distance and feel just as strong as I did twenty-five years ago. I think so much of Doan's Kidney Pills that I have given a supply of the remedy to some of my neighbors and they have also found good results. If you can sift anything from this rambling note that will be of any service to you, or to any one suffering from kidney trouble, you are at liberty to do so."

A TRIAL FREE—Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all dealers; price, 50 cts.

Novelist Fond of Green Peas.

George Eliot used frequently to walk over to the farm where she purchased her vegetables and chat with the farmer's wife on gardening and butter-making, who was somewhat surprised at the great novelist's conversation on such homely topics, and afterward remarked: "It were wonderful, just wonderful, the sight of green peas that I sent down to that gentleman and lady every week." This was the summer "Middlemarch" was written.

American Snakes.

There are only few varieties of venomous snakes in this country. The chief of them are the rattlesnake and the copperhead. In the South is to be found a variety of rattlesnake, the diamond-black rattlesnake, and a variety of copperhead that lives around ponds and rivers, called the water moccasin. Farther west, on the other side of the Mississippi river, there are several other varieties of rattlesnake.

Hospitals Are Ancient.

Hospitals were founded in very early times. India, Persia and Arabia had hospitals supported by their kings and rulers before the Christian era. In ancient Egypt hospitals were unknown, the sick being tended at home or in temples. Plato says that the Greek maintained shelter houses for the sick in various places, supplied with attendants.

"Twicers."

According to statistics which appeared recently in the British Weekly the number of "twicers," that is of persons who attend church somewhere in London twice on Sunday, is 38 per cent of the whole number of worshippers. The number of worshippers in inner London is estimated at 832,051.

A Comet.

The following whimsical account of the nature of this splendid visitor is given in an old French military journal: "That it is a parcel of old stars who, being no longer fit for service, have been discharged on half pay and, to save expense, have agreed to mess together."

Farmers Have Advantage.

The Rev. J. R. Lawrence, United States government expert potato grower, North Middleboro, Mass., believes that "there is more room in the world for a farmer who can preach than there is for a minister who had to farm to get a living."

SCIENCE and INVENTION

Telephones in the United States.

The development of the telephone is far greater than most persons imagine. There are in the United States some 9,200 systems and lines, with nearly 5,000,000 lines of single wire and about as many instruments.

Of these systems nearly 5,000 are independent farmers' lines, and nearly 1,000 are rural systems. The greater systems are capitalized at rather more than \$450,000,000, and five billion messages were sent over the lines during 1902. Nearly 65,000 wage-earners were employed, and 14,124 salaried officials and clerks. The cost of maintenance, etc., was just about 70 per cent of the income.

Radio-Activity Not Unique.

That there is anything mysterious or revolutionary in the recent discoveries concerning radium is denied by Prof. Robert A. Millikan of the University of Chicago. "Radium is an element not greatly different from all the others," he said. "Its activity is not an isolated phenomenon. It fits into the orderly scheme of scientific knowledge and supplements established theories, but does not destroy them. The shooting off particles from radium is correlated with other phenomena of physics. It is analogous to the exploding of stellar systems, which astronomers tell us constantly is occurring. The rate of the breaking up of the atoms—one out of one hundred billion a second—is no greater relatively than that of the disintegration of stars. Calculations show that radium cannot last longer than 1,000,000 years—a brief period in geological time. In that time all the radium on the earth will have passed away. There are two theories as to the origin of radium; one that it is derived from uranium; the other, that it is built up from simpler elements. The latter is without substantiation in inorganic chemistry."—Chicago Tribune.

Keep Books Clean.

Who has not seen the book abuser with the dirty habit of moistening the fingers and applying them to page after page of a book to turn the leaves more easily? It is done so often that it has become a habit with some and possibly they are not aware of the act, but someone else, turning the pages afterward, is sure to find the finger marks left on the white surface. This marring of the book can be easily avoided by turning the leaves by contact of the finger with the cut edge, but lack of patience on the part of some readers causes them to apply their dampened fingers to the surface of the page instead. An inventor has just designed a neat



Prevents Soiling the Pages.

little thumb attachment which will make it easy to turn the pages without soiling. It consists of a spring clamp for attachment to the thumb near the end, while from one side of the clamp projects a thin flat plate which is designed to be inserted between the leaves of the book. In the illustration this device is shown in conjunction with an index, for which it is especially adapted, enabling a bookkeeper to find in an instant any name he is looking for without subjecting the book to the same treatment as the class of persons mentioned.

Charles A. Evans of Haverhill, Mass., is the designer.

Two Angels.

There are two angels who come to man Only once in a whole life's span

Only once, yet they leave a trace That all may read on a human face.

Close together this fateful pair Enter the heart, and all the air

Is filled with music and life is sweet And time seems dancing with merry feet.

Be wise, try not the two to sever, For the first, once gone, is gone forever!

And the second angel, without its mate, Turns to a demon of darkest hate.

Which mocks and cries, "I will not go, Had you kept us both it had not been so."

For happy the heart wherein we're mated But woe to the one where we're separated!"

Only once do they come to man; Shelter and guard them, ye who can.

Never part them, they come from above, The one is Faith and the other is Love. —Mariel Montayne, in Boston Globe.

In Constant Fear of Demons.

The Tibetan is a martyr to folklore, conceiving, as he does, his spiritual life to be a struggle against demons, which are just as hard to conquer as the passes and deserts of his country.

Roentgen Rays Show Gold.

The interior of a gold-bearing rock was inspected in an Oregon town by means of the Roentgen rays, and veins of gold were as plainly visible as if they had been on the surface.

Time Did Not Conquer.

A married couple of Lienz, Austria, celebrated their silver wedding by filing a petition for divorce on the ground of "unconquerable mutual antipathy."

Great Power in Sunshine.

Scientists estimate that there is energy enough in fifty acres of sunshine to run the machinery of the world, could it be concentrated.

Carrier Pigeon's Long Flight.

Dispatched from Rome in a pigeon-flying competition in 1902, a carrier pigeon has just returned to its loft at Herve, in Belgium.

Condemns Top Hats.

The London Medical Press thus issues a call for heroes: "The top hat is ugly, unhygienic and embarrassing. Its sole claim to support is the appearance of respectability it gives. If only a few medical baronets would drive to their consultations in Panama and cloth caps they would break the tyranny of habit over health and comeliness, and at the same time earn the undying gratitude of their humbler confreres."

LEARNING THINGS

We Are All in the Apprentice Class.

When a simple change of diet brings back health and happiness the story is briefly told. A lady of Springfield, Ill., says: "After being afflicted for years with nervousness and heart trouble, I received a shock four years ago that left me in such a condition that my life was despaired of. I could get no relief from doctors nor from the numberless heart and nerve medicines I tried because I didn't know that the coffee was daily putting me back more than the Drs. could put me ahead."

"Finally at the request of a friend I left off coffee and began the use of Postum and against my convictions I gradually improved in health until for the past 6 or 8 months I have been entirely free from nervousness and those terrible sinking, weakening spells of heart trouble."

"My troubles all came from the use of coffee which I had drunk from childhood and yet they disappeared when I quit coffee and took up the use of Postum." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Many people marvel at the effects of leaving off coffee and drinking Postum but there is nothing marvelous about it—only common sense. Coffee is a destroyer—Postum is a builder. That's the reason.

Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."



Mrs. Elizabeth H. Thompson, of Lillydale, N.Y., Grand Worthy Wise Templar, and Member of W.C.T.U., tells how she recovered by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I am one of the many of your grateful friends who have been cured through the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and who can to-day thank you for the fine health I enjoy. When I was thirty-five years old, I suffered severe backache and frequent bearing-down pains; in fact, I had womb trouble. I was very anxious to get well, and reading of the cures your Compound had made, I decided to try it. I took only six bottles, but it built me up and cured me entirely of my troubles."

"My family and relatives were naturally as gratified as I was. My niece had heart trouble and nervous prostration, and was considered incurable. She took your Vegetable Compound and it cured her in a short time, and she became well and strong, and her home to her great joy and her husband's delight was blessed with a baby. I know of a number of others who have been cured of different kinds of female trouble, and am satisfied that your Compound is the best medicine for sick women."—MRS. ELIZABETH H. THOMPSON, Box 103, Lillydale, N.Y. —\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.



Much Tea Drunk in Japan.

Tea-drinking is a constant occupation for a Tibetan. In every tent and in every house the tea-kettle is always on the fire. The laws of hospitality bind all to present tea to their guests, and every Tibetan carries with her a wooden bowl of Himalayan maple by way of a tea cup.

Berlin Funeral Pile.

When Frau Clara Hahn, the wife of a prominent Berlin gentleman, from whom she was separated, committed suicide, she left instructions in her will that everything she possessed should be burned on a funeral pile. The police carried out these orders to the letter, burning no fewer than eleven chests filled with dresses, some packages of linen, ten boxes containing hats, three dozen veils, and hundreds of love letters.

Seer.

"Tell me what you eat and I'll tell you what you are," said the seer. The man told him what he ate. "You're a blanked fool." "Wonderful! Wonderful!" exclaimed the man.—Puck.

A Matter of Taste.

"What a homely shirt!" "Yes; my wife picked it out." "Why, man, haven't you any taste yourself?" "Not for a quarrel with my wife."